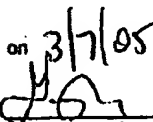


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2004, a two month extension of time for response to which is being requested, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.